

second sentence thereof to read as follows: "When dates of rank are the same, precedence shall be determined by length of active commissioned service in the Army, which shall include all time served on active duty as a commissioned officer in the Federal service, and commissioned service under the provisions of sections 94, 97, and 99 of this Act."

Approved, December 14, 1942.

39 Stat. 206, 207.
32 U. S. C. §§ 63-65,
144-146.

[CHAPTER 734]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide that all cabs for hire in the District of Columbia be compelled to carry insurance for the protection of passengers, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1938.

December 15, 1942
[S. 1008]
[Public Law 803]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to provide that all cabs for hire in the District of Columbia be compelled to carry insurance for the protection of passengers, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1938, is hereby amended by striking out the sentence reading as follows: "The Superintendent of Insurance of the District of Columbia shall be empowered to make all reasonable rules and regulations relating to the writing of taxicab insurance and shall be empowered to govern the maximum rates to be charged on such insurance", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "No such insurance company or corporate surety shall engage in or conduct the business of insuring or bonding any risk arising out of the operation of any passenger motor vehicle for hire required to be insured or bonded under this Act unless the Superintendent of Insurance shall find that the management of such company is capable, by experience or otherwise, of conducting such business in the public interest and unless such insurance company or corporate surety shall possess a certificate of approval issued by said Superintendent for such business. Every such insurance company or corporate surety, whether or not it shall be a mutual company, shall have and shall at all times maintain reserves for losses, unearned premiums, and all other liabilities as will meet the requirements of any regulation issued by the Superintendent of Insurance and applicable to such company or such classifications of companies. The Superintendent of Insurance shall be empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations governing the writing of such insurance and the making of such bonds and the business of insuring or bonding such risks, including the expenses of management, administration, and acquisition of business and the rates to be charged. The Superintendent of Insurance is authorized and empowered, after hearing, to withdraw his certificate of approval of the business of insuring or bonding taxicab risks of any insurance company or corporate surety violating any provision of this Act or of the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder."

District of Columbia.
Insurance requirements of cabs for hire.

52 Stat. 1233.
D. C. Code § 44-301.

Insurance companies and corporate sureties.

Certificate of approval.

Maintenance of reserves.

Rules and regulations.

Withdrawal of certificate of approval.

Approved, December 15, 1942.

[CHAPTER 735]

AN ACT

Amending the first sentence of Article of War 52, relative to execution of court-martial sentences.

December 15, 1942
[S. 2798]
[Public Law 804]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of Article of War 52 (41 Stat. 799) is amended to read as follows:

"The authority competent to order the execution of the sentence of a court martial may, at the time of the approval of such sentence, suspend the execution, in whole or in part, of any such sentence as

10 U. S. C. § 1524.

Army.
Suspension of court-martial sentences.

does not extend to death, and may restore the person under sentence to duty during such suspension; and the Secretary of War, the commanding officer holding general court-martial jurisdiction over any such offender, or the military authority competent to appoint, for the command, exclusive of penitentiaries and the United States Disciplinary Barracks in which the person under sentence is held, a court of the kind that imposed the sentence, may at any time hereafter, while the sentence is being served, suspend the execution, in whole or in part, of the balance of such sentence and restore the person under sentence to duty during such suspension."

Approved, December 15, 1942.

[CHAPTER 736]

AN ACT

December 15, 1942
[S. 2824]
[Public Law 805]

To amend the Act of January 24, 1920, so as to authorize the award of a silver star to certain persons serving with the Army of the United States.

Army of the U. S.
Silver star awards.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section 1 of the Act of January 24, 1920, entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919', approved July 9, 1918" (41 Stat. 398; 10 U. S. C. 1412), is hereby amended to read as follows: "For each citation of any person for gallantry in action while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, published in orders issued from the headquarters of a force commanded by, or which is the appropriate command of, a general officer, not warranting the award of a medal of honor or distinguished-service cross, he or she shall be permitted to wear, as the President shall direct, a silver star three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter."

Approved, December 15, 1942.

[CHAPTER 737]

AN ACT

December 17, 1942
[S. 2341]
[Public Law 806]

To amend the Act approved March 14, 1936, entitled "An Act to provide for vacations for government employees, and for other purposes".

Government employees.
5 U. S. C. § 30b.
Accumulation of annual leave.

54 Stat. 2643.
50 U. S. C., app.,
prec. § 1 note.

Limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence in section 1 of the Act of March 14, 1936 (49 Stat. 1161), is hereby amended by adding the following proviso: ": *Provided further,* That during the national emergency declared by the President of the United States on September 8, 1939, the leave unused by the employees of the departments, independent establishments, and agencies, not in other form commuted or compensated, shall be accumulated for succeeding years until it totals not exceeding ninety days: *And provided further,* That when the unused leave accumulated equals or exceeds sixty days in the aggregate, not more than fifteen days of unused leave may be further accumulated in any one calendar year".

Approved, December 17, 1942.